



BY THE KING.

A Proclamation forbidding all Assessing, Collecting, and Paying of the Twentieth Part, and of all Weekly Taxes by Colour of Orders or Ordinances, And all entring into Protestations and Associations against His Majesty.



HEREAS, an actuall and open Rebellion being raised against Us under the command of Robert Earle of Essex, and diverse other Traiterous Persons, for the destruction of Us and Our Posterity, and the subversion of the Religion, Lawes and Liberties of this Our Kingdom, great Endeavours are daily used to perswade and fright Our good Subjects in Our City of London, and throughout this Kingdome, to submit to severall illegall Impositions, by pretended Orders or Ordinances of one or both Houses of Parliament, for the leavying of the Twentieth Part of their Estates, and for Weekly Taxes upon the same, and to engage them into unwarrantable Protestations and Associations, to no other end then to foment and maintain this unnaturall Warre against Us; All which Contributions, Protestations, and Associations are by the known Law of the Land Acts of High Treason, and Endeavours to take Our Life from Us; We doe therefore strictly charge and command all Our loving Subjects whatsoever, and particularly of Our Counties of *Norfolke, Suffolke, Hertford, Essex, Cambridge, Kent, Surrey, Sussex, South-Hampton, North-Hampton, Leicester, Derby, Rutland, Nottingham, Huntingdon, Bedford, and Buckingham*, where this Association hath been already attempted, upon their Allegiance not to enter into any such Association or Protestation, and all Our loving Subjects in what parts of this Our Realme soever (particularly of Our City of London) not to submit to any such Imposition, Leavy, or Taxe as aforesaid, nor to presume to be assistant thereunto by assessing, taxing, leavying or collecting thereof. And We doe hereby publish and declare, That We are resolved to grant out Our Commissions for the seizing of the Goods, and the sequestring of the Estates of all such Persons as shall rebelliously disobey Us herein, To the intent that such their Goods and Rents may be safely deposited, untill such time as the Offendors can be brought to a Legall Tryall, which shall speedily proceed against them, as soone as they can be apprehended and delivered into the hands of Iustice. And We doe hereby will and Command all Persons who are any waies indebted unto, and all the severall Tenants of all such Persons, who shall by submitting to, or assisting of any such Imposition, Leavy, or Taxe, contribute to the maintenance of the Armies in Rebellion against Us, or that shall joyne in any such Traiterous Association or Protestation, That they forbear to pay any Rents or Debts due to the said severall Persons, but detaine the same in their hands towards the maintenance of the Peace of the Counties, and the Reparation of such men who have suffered by the Violence of the aforesaid Armies, The same course being already taken by publique Order and directions against such as have faithfully, and according to their Allegiance assisted Us against this unnaturall Rebellion. And as We have heretofore declared, That whosoever should loose his Life in this Our necessary Defence, the Wardship of his Heire should be granted by Us without Rent or Fine to his own use; so on the other side, We doe hereby publish and declare, That whosoever of Our Subjects shall not make use of this gracious Warning, but persist in, or hereafter engage themselves into either actuall bearing Armes against Us, or any such Traiterous Assistance of those that doe bear Armes, either by contribution or Association as aforesaid; in case they dye or be so killed during this Rebellion, that the Coroner cannot have Inspection of their bodies, their Heires shall have no benefit by Our Instructions of Grace to Our Court of Wards; The Benefit of which, We shall ever be carefull that all Our good Subjects may fully enjoy. *Given at Our Court at OXFORD, the Eight day of March, in the Eighteenth yeare of Our Reigne.*

God Save the KING.